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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 136** HLS 09RS 459  
Bill Text Version: **ENROLLED**  
Opp. Chamb. Action:  
Proposed Amd.:  
Sub. Bill For.:

<b>Date:</b> June 9, 2009 3:35 PM	<b>Author:</b> GUINN
<b>Dept./Agy.:</b> Jefferson Davis Parish Coroner’s Office	
<b>Subject:</b> Increase in court fee	<b>Analyst:</b> Steven Kraemer

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Increases court costs in criminal cases for the 31st JDC

**Purpose of Bill:** This measure increases court costs on defendants in criminal cases, including traffic offenses, to provide funds for the operations of the Jefferson Davis Parish coroner’s office. The defendants who may be assessed the new fee that is not to exceed \$10 are those that are convicted after trial, pleads guilty, or forfeits bond in cases that are within the jurisdiction of the Thirty-First Judicial District Court (31st JDC).

This measure also states that the 31st JDC can only implement a fee increase if the Judicial Council agrees that a fee increase is necessary and reasonable. In addition, the Judicial Council must publish a notice of a favorable review and approval in the Louisiana Register for the fee to become effective. The fee would become effective October 1, 2009. According to an official with the Louisiana Supreme Court, the Judicial Council has not reviewed the court costs included in this proposed measure.

EXPENDITURES	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

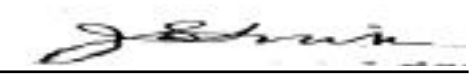
REVENUES	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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Local Funds	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION**  
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure.

**REVENUE EXPLANATION**  
This bill may increase local fund revenues by \$124,000 annually.

According to an official with the District Attorney’s Office for the 31st Judicial District, this fee will apply to 10,992 traffic citations and 1,426 criminal cases annually. If the court assesses the maximum allowable fee, the increase in local fund revenue will be approximately \$124,000 per year (10,992 x \$10 + 1,426 x \$10).

According to the same official with the District Attorney’s Office, the court may initially assess a new fee of \$5 to see how much revenue it generates. If the court assesses \$5, this bill may increase local fund revenue by approximately \$62,000 (10,992 x \$5 + 1,426 x \$5).

<u>Senate</u>	<u>Dual Referral Rules</u>	<u>House</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.1 >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(F) >= \$500,000 Annual Fiscal Cost	<b>Joy Irwin</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change		<input type="checkbox"/> 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease	<b>Director of Advisory Services</b>